



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 363**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 205

*Senate, April 5, 2011*

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. MEYER of the 12th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETURN OF MERCURY THERMOSTATS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any wholesaler who
- 2 provides a collection system for thermostats that contain mercury shall
- 3 accept such thermostats from any member of the public.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**ENV** Joint Favorable Subst.

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

There is no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities as this bill pertains to mercury thermostat wholesalers and the public.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 205*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETURN OF MERCURY THERMOSTATS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires wholesalers that provide a mercury thermostat collection system to accept such thermostats from any member of the public.

Existing law prohibits anyone from offering for sale or distributing for promotional purposes any mercury-added product unless the manufacturer has submitted a collection plan for such products. The collection system must include, among other things, a recycling or disposal plan.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**BACKGROUND*****Mercury Education and Reduction Act***

PA 02-90 established a comprehensive scheme governing the sale, use, distribution, disposal, and notification requirements for mercury and many products containing mercury. Besides banning the sale and distribution of certain products containing mercury, it required that products to which mercury had been intentionally added be labeled as to their mercury content.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 27 Nay 0 (03/18/2011)